

# **EAST WINDSOR BMX & SKATEPARK**

## **MINUTES OF UNOFFICIAL MEETING**

### **January 31, 2022**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (Meeting started at 7:10 p.m.)**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Brenda Crockett, Dave Crockett, Rebecca Crockett, Lori Gabriel, Charles Nordell, Marisa Prior, Dan Wellspeak

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

All meeting discussions detailed below were publicly participated in as the meeting was unofficial due the agenda not being posted within the required 24-hour period prior to the meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

A brief history of the mission, efforts and accomplishments to date of the East Windsor BMX & Skatepark Committee was provided to the meeting attendees by Brenda Crockett.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Park Maintenance:** The need for volunteers for spring weeding, plantings and pruning was discussed. Marisa Prior suggested a pre-set schedule be established and communicated to the public (ex., First Saturday of each month or another regular schedule). Brenda Crockett will contact the EW High School guidance counselors to offer this as a community service opportunity for students as one of their graduation requirements. When special projects on the park grounds require more volunteers, Brenda also offered to reach out to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts for more volunteers.

**Sign needs refurbishing:** Group discussion about the need for a new sign. Lori Gabriel will seek pricing for a new one. We also need to first contact EW Park & Recreation Department to see if there are plans to replace the BMX & Skatepark sign as all other parks in town recently received new signs.

**Parking area and walkway should be refreshed:** After discussing the desire to refresh at least the walkway from the parking area to the asphalt where the sporting equipment is installed, and possibly the parking area too, Dan Wellspeak will talk with his employer about the possibility of donated millings. We can also contact the EW Public Works department to see if millings could be donated from their supply.

**New park equipment to be ordered:** The American Ramp Company (ARC) prints, both 3D and that displaying the park as it stands now as well as highlighting the equipment yet to be ordered to complete the original “Ultimate Park”, were presented by Brenda Crockett to the meeting attendees for review and discussion. We need to discuss this further at the next two meetings to determine what we currently have the funds to purchase, negotiate with ARC and get an order placed for late Spring or early Summer, 2022 installation, if possible.

**Park website:** The need to identify a primary and backup volunteer to update and maintain an EW BMX & Skatepark website was discussed. Further conversation will take place at 2/28/22 meeting.

**Discussion identifying future fundraising ideas were:** Sneaker Fundraiser – Rebecca or Brenda Crockett will contact Rebecca Talamini to get all the details on running this fundraiser from when she chaired the same event in the past. Facemask Fundraising (suggested by Laura Harney and presented by Lori Gabriel). Chair to be identified. Cutest Pet Contest: Lori Gabriel will chair.

**BMX & Skatepark Committee participation in EW Parks & Recreation Dept. 2/9/22 6:00 p.m. public Zoom meeting with the Beta Group, PTO and Booster Club regarding East Windsor Park Survey project:** Brenda Crockett said she would be in attendance for this meeting to represent the EW BMX & Skatepark Committee and will report back to group at 2/28/22 meeting.

**Tom Kalmanidis memorial event to be held at the park site in late summer, 2022** – Brenda Crockett, Tom’s mother, discussed preliminary plans (wish list, actually) for a memorial event and fundraiser she would like to hold at the park in memory of her son who passed away in 2017. He was one of the founding youth who was instrumental in both the committee’s and then the park’s establishment dating back to 2007. She hopes to pull in several businesses, organizations and State Representatives who are in support of both the BMX and Skateboarding industries as well as Addiction and Overdose awareness education and services. Further discussion to follow at 2/28/22 meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:40 P.M.**